

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Any discussion on LB 506? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Schellpeper? He waives closing. We'll now vote on the advancement of LB 506. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 506. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 506.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 506 advances. We'll go to LB 78.

CLERK: Engrossed legislative bill 78 introduced by Senator Hudkins, Avery, Bernard-Stevens, Beutler, Bromm, Coordsen, Crosby, Landis. (Read title.) Introduced on January 7, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, LB 78, as everyone says, is a very simple bill and this one actually is. And Mr. O'Donnell indicated to you what it does. I'm sure you're all aware after the flooding last week that Lincoln has well fields in and around the City of Ashland. Ashland would very much like to get onto the Lincoln Water System. The Ashland community provides the fire protection, police protection and so forth for the City of Lincoln for those well fields. Lincoln and Ashland would like to enter into an agreement to continue this practice and to put Ashland onto the Lincoln Water System. That, in effect, is what this bill does, and I would move its advancement.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: I support Senator Hudkins in her effort and appreciate her bringing the bill. A number of years ago when I was City Attorney for Ashland I was approached by some old-timers that...so they could remember when Lincoln Water Works initially went in around Ashland and that there was, in their recollection, a tap which was installed specifically to do what Senator Hudkins' bill would allow them to do now, many, many years later. And I don't know if that tap exists or doesn't exist or whatever, but I know that this would be a